GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF ATOMIC POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken any survey to set up Atomic Power Plants in the country

(b) if so, the states where such survey has been conducted;

(c) whether a central team had recently visited Orissa to locate the site for an atomic power plant;

(d) if so, the details of their findings; and

(e) the funds earmarked for this purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Based on proposals received from respective State Governments, the Site Selection Committee (SSC) of the Government has evaluated the potential of coastal sites in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Orissa and West Bengal and inland sites in the states of Bihar, Haryana, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand for setting up nuclear power plants in future.

(c) Yes, Sir. A site at Patisonapur in Ganjam district in Orissa was evaluated by the SSC.

(d) The site has potential for setting up future nuclear power projects.

(e) The funds earmarked for carrying out first order assessment of a new site by the SSC is about Rs.50 lakh.